

Wabash College Class of 2013 Update

October 2013

Dear Class of 2013,

The real world hit me like a ton of bricks when I realized I would not be returning to Crawfordsville for another school year. Not until the first day of classes did I truly comprehend my undergraduate career was finally over. College days are past, but you can still enjoy the memories and relationships that made your time at Wabash so special.

Settling into jobs and graduate programs is a new adventure for many of us, and members of the class of 2013 are scattered far and wide across the country and beyond. I am sure that many of you returned to campus for Homecoming to see Wabash and remember the good times. Wabash ceased being our college the day we graduated and became something more, our alma mater. As the new journeys in your life begin, I encourage you to always remember and appreciate the friends, teachers, coaches, and mentors that made this next step in your life possible. Like many of you, I try to stay in contact with fraternity brothers and friends. No matter where you travel, remember to carry a piece of Wabash on your journey.

News

Congratulations to Alex Beck '13 and Kasey Weatherly on their engagement. The two are set to marry next summer. The Class of 2013 wishes them the best.

Wabash College welcomed its 16th President for his inaugural school year. Follow him on Twitter @prezhess for updates and photos. Also the video of President Hess's Chapel Talk is available on YouTube.



Wabash College welcomed a freshman class of 240 on Freshman Saturday. These new Wabash men come from all over the United States and several foreign countries.

Tickets for the 120th **Monon Bell** Classic on November 16th are now available. The game is away this year, but I know this will not discourage any of the Wabash faithful from supporting their Little Giants. Can't attend the game? A list of telecast parties will be available shortly. I recommend starting one in your area. It's a great way to meet other alumni from your area and support the Little Giants.

Come to the **Indianapolis Monon Bell Stag Event** November 13th. The joint Wabash-DePauw event is a fun way to enjoy the competitive spirit before the game. Roasters from each school get a chance to make jibes about the other and awards are presented. The food at this event is legendary, so come prepared to eat and show your Wabash Pride.

<http://mononbellstag.com/>



Pledges from Beta Theta Pi participating in Wabash Day while wearing their signature hats

Football

The Little Giant Football Team is off to a very strong start. A 69-0 victory over Hanover showcased the team's strengths. As always, Wabash College Football exemplifies the phrase, "Wabash Always Fights." The team is currently 4-0 this year after rolling past Wooster 48-14. Make sure to make it to a game and tailgate in support of the your alma mater.

Homecoming

This year's Homecoming Game was against Denison University. Wabash Football destroyed the competition winning the game 50-13. The men of Phi Gamma Delta took first place in the homecoming festivities followed by Tau Kappa Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. I am sure some members of the Class of 2013 attended, and we would like to include some Homecoming and Monon Bell photos in our next letter. Please send them to J.J. or me when you get the chance.

Soccer

Things have started to come together for the Little Giant Soccer Team. After a tough overtime loss to Franklin College and a defeat by Spalding University, Wabash with a big win over Hanover College. The team has learned much from its difficult losses to Hiram and Oberlin. Wabash Soccer prepares to play Allegheny at home on October 12th. Please come and support the Little Giant Soccer Team.

Cross Country

Hearing about the success of our Cross Country team was a very common theme throughout our four years at Wabash, and some things never change. Wabash Cross Country started strong this year winning the 51st Wabash Hokum Karem. The team's success continued into September as the Little Giants won the 2013 Little State Title. The team has accomplished all of this while maintaining its position in the regional and national rankings.

Swimming and Diving

Wabash just named Brent Noble as the new head swimming and diving coach. Noble comes to Wabash from Sacred Heart University in Connecticut where he served as the head women's swimming coach. Please make sure to show your support for this new addition to the Little Giant Athletic Family.

Classmate Updates

A Letter from Frank Ruvoli

Classmates of 2013,

I hope everyone is doing well and your time post-Wabash has brought some great experiences and new adventures! It is an honor to be addressing all of you in this letter. I was very pleased when Trevor and J.J. asked me to write about my journey these past few months for this edition of the class letter. Since graduation, I've been working on a few things. The first is my day job where I work for a logistics company, Transportation Solutions Group (TSG), as an Operations Representative. The second is my own business I am trying to grow called Perfect-A-Block, a baseball and softball catcher's training tool I invented sophomore year at Wabash. The third, and one I'm going to talk about in this letter, is creating and performing music.

For many of us, music was a major part to our nightly and weekend getaways. When we would close the books and enjoy time with our Wabash brothers, blasting music made the fun that much better. However, for me, music became an obsession while I was at Wabash. Sophomore year, I had happened to have a little extra time on my hands and wanted to pick up an extra hobby. I wanted to learn something that I was interested in, and my options were either learn to play the guitar or learn to play piano. Fortunately, my fraternity brother, Billy Rosson, had a Fender guitar at school that he was looking to sell, which I purchased from him. From then on, if you happened to be at Phi Psi, you'd probably either hear me playing or see me walking around with the guitar. I quickly learned a lot of fundamentals of playing guitar by watching "how to" YouTube videos, and with the fundamentals, came the ability to play basic covers. However, after six months, those covers felt old to me. I felt like I could show more creativity and use my instrument as a form of expression. So I began writing my own songs.

After a while, I had a few decent songs written. Having these songs, I really wanted to perform them, but I wasn't confident with my voice to play an actual "show." I wasn't sure I could always hit the same notes vocally. So last semester of senior year, I took voice lessons in the Fine Arts Center with visiting professor Dr. Lisa



Lowry. She helped me tremendously, and I began to feel comfortable with the idea of booking a show. The first show I booked was at a local bar in St. John, IN, called The Clubhouse, where I've continued to play monthly since that first show. After the first show was such a success, I've done many others since and have received great feedback from the people that attend. This has led me to another project I am currently working on: my first album.

Currently, I am working on recording my first independent album with a friend of mine from high school. My friend is working on becoming a recording engineer, and he has built a small studio in his house. When him and I talked about our dreams in music, we decided to team up and start chasing those dreams by recording my first album. To date, I have around 30 – 35 songs that are complete, and the songs that will be on this up-and-coming album are a bit older, as I wrote them over the past year or two. I am excited for this to be finished, and I hope soon I can put a band together to begin moving on into a new chapter with my musical dreams.

I'm not sure if I'm supposed to end this letter with a piece of advice, but I will anyway because, as a Philosophy major, I have to try to expand your minds in someway. All I can say is,

"The years pass faster than you want,

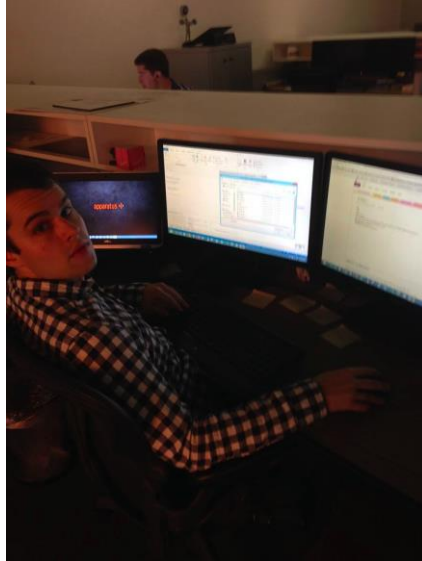
Enjoy the life that you got,

Don't live with any regret,

And make the most out of every moment."

To go along with the theme of this letter, the passage above is actually from one of my songs called "Sleep When You Die". I hope all of you, my Wabash brothers, are living in the moment, chasing your dreams, building your careers, and enjoying life.

WAF,
Frank Ruvoli



Michael Carper '13 working at Apparatus

A Letter from Sam Spoerle

Like many of you, I ran straight into the “real world” starting my job a week after graduation. I, along with Michael Carper, have the pleasure of working for a fellow alumnus, Kelly Pfladderer '96, at Apparatus. Like Carl, we are blessed with being able to work with fellow Wallies in an environment we love. Apparatus is very much like Wabash, in that there are like twelve women in a company of 150. I thought I'd see more women after college, but it seems the old saying still holds true, “Not for college days alone.” (Insert cliché Wabash line here)

Even Michael Carper, the Classics Major, is doing big things after Wabash. He and I work in two totally different teams. His team deals a lot with business data. He works to interpret the data in a way that the client can visualize and understand. He took what he learned and, in true Wabash fashion, applied it to some real world situations. I could go on and on about it, but if you want to see what he did, go to <http://www.apparatus.net/tableau.html>. Maybe message him on Facebook or create a Reddit thread if you REALLY want to get a hold of him. He'll find it pretty quickly if you do.

We are very fortunate to be in a place that understands Wabash and respects the people who come from her. I can't tell you how many

times people have said to me “You work for an IT company? But you didn’t major in Information Technologies?!” accompanied by a slight judgmental look. No I did not, but I am very passionate about everything I do!

The team I joined was initially skeptical of what I brought to the table. However, those doubts were quickly dismissed when they saw my desire to learn and willingness to put in the effort needed to be at the same level as others in my position. That drive to succeed was formed over four years of hard work. True, some days of those four years were spent playing video games (more than I care to admit), but my time at Wabash paid off significantly.

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Alumni Group

Becoming part of your local Wabash Alumni organization is a great way to stay connected. Make sure to join a Wabash Alumni organization:

<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eservices>

Student Referrals

Interested in helping Wabash recruit the next generation of Wabash men? Referring perspective high schools students is a great way to help. The Admissions Office will host recruitment workshops October 19th and November 9th in Detchon International Hall. Workshops will help attendees identify and recruit perspective students, and will take place before Wabash home football games. The workshops will conclude at 11:30 allowing plenty of time for attendees to enjoy pregame events.

Follow the link below to find out more

<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/workshop>

Annual Campaign

Make sure to continue donating to the Wabash College Annual Fund. Wabash gave us a wonderful education and its important to pay it forward to future generations of Wabash men.

Interested in putting an announcement, such as an engagement, marriage, or event, in the next letter? Please forward requests to J.J. or me before January 1st 2014.

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